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In response to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2002, Applicants have the following Remarks.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. No amendments have been made to the claims. Claims 1-33 remain pending.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-7, 12, 13, 20-25, and 27-29

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 12, 13, 20-25, and 27-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,851,617 (Keiser).

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